

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2003 – 0800 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationwide. Nationally 45 new fires were reported. One new large fire was contained in the Northern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon and Utah.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

GILLIAM, Los Padres National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Smith) is assigned. This fire is in brush, 25 miles northwest of Cuyama, CA. Minimal fire activity was observed.

PARADISE 2, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. This wildland fire was previously reported as part of the Kaweah-Kern Complex. This fire is in mixed conifer and chaparral, seven miles northeast of Three Rivers, CA. Active burning along ridge tops and drainages was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
GILLIAM	CA	LPF	460	95	UNK	455	11	14	3	0	NR
PARADISE 2	CA	KNP	647	40	11/15	86	2	1	1	0	1M
KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	KNP	10,646	N/A	N/A	6	0	0	0	0	1.5M
SUMMIT COMPLEX – WFU	CA	INF	6,146	N/A	N/A	20	0	0	1	0	420K

INF = Inyo National Forest

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SECRET	CA	NOD	1,050	100	---	90	4	5	0	0	NR

NOD = Northern California Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** Another cold front is poised to move onshore today over the Pacific Northwest. The front will provide showers during the day to the coastal sections of Washington and over the northern and central Washington Cascades. By late today and this evening, the front will spread rain into Oregon and far northern California. The rest of the West will remain dry and very warm for this time of year.

<b>Geographic Area Weather</b>	<b>High Temperatures</b>	<b>Minimum Relative Humidity</b>	<b>Wind</b>
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Patchy morning low clouds and fog along coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny with a few high clouds.	70 to 85 coastal areas. 75 to 90 mountains. 85 to 100 valleys. 80 to 95 upper desert. 95 to 105 low desert.	8 to 15% desert. 10 to 20% mountains. 15 to 30% valleys. 30 to 50% coast.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph, except southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph coastal areas.
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b> Sunny, except for patches of coastal low clouds and fog in the morning.	60s to near 70 coast. Upper 60s to upper 70s higher elevations, and 80s inland valleys.	Eastside of the Predictive Service Area and southern portion of Northern Sierra Predictive Service Area 10 to 20%, elsewhere inland 15 to 30%, and 45% or higher coastal areas.	Higher elevations and along the coast south to southwest 7 to 15 mph with gusts 20 to 30 mph. Elsewhere, southeast to southwest 5 to 12 mph with gusts 15 to 20 mph.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Partly sunny.	70s to 80s north, 80s to 90s south, 60s and 70s higher elevations.	5 to 15%, except 15 to 25% northern mountains & Sierra's.	Upslope/upvalley less than 10 mph in the morning, becoming southwest at 10 to 25 mph across the north and southwest 5 to 15 mph across the south.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

## ***FIRE NOT SCOUTED AND SIZED UP***

Watchout Situation #1 comes up during initial attack and every time resources arrive at a fire.

● Before taking action on the fire, the following considerations must be addressed:

- Can you personally observe the fire or must you use scouts? Describe ways you can scout and size up a fire.
- Do you know the location of the fire perimeter? Discuss situations in which the fire perimeter may not be obvious. (Spotty fires, etc.)
- Do you know the direction of fire spread? When isn't the direction of fire spread obvious? (Wind shifts, spotty fires, etc.)
- Does the direction of fire spread increase risk? Talk about situations where you may have to approach the head of the fire. (Hiking down from a helispot, approaching from an existing road, switching winds, etc.)
- Do you know the fuels and their condition? What kind of information will you assume from what you already know about fuel types? (Spot fires in fir, extreme fire potential in flashy fuels, etc.)

● Continued from above...

- Do topographic hazards exist? What can you assume from what kind of terrain the fire covers? (Slope, chimneys, aspect, etc.)
- Does enough information exist to establish a plan of attack? When do you have enough information to begin fighting fire? What do you need to know?
- Do other dangers exist? Have you talked about factors specific to the area you are working in? (Hunters in the woods, drought, snag patches, etc.)

● To reduce the risks:

- Post lookouts until the fire is sized up and escape routes and safety zones are established.
- Retreat if the situation is too complex. Review fires where you had to wait until the area in which you were assigned to work was scouted and sized up before you were allowed onto the fireline.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					1	4	5
	ACRES					0	1	1
Northern California	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					0		0
Southern California	FIRES		1			15	2	18
	ACRES		0			12	1	13
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			1	5	7
	ACRES		9			0	5	14
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Southern Area	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					20		20
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	0	0	29	14	45
	ACRES	0	9	0	0	32	9	50

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	15	21	11	401	14	464
	ACRES	23	40,821	283,123	3,827	247,654	2	575,450
Northwest	FIRES	300	248	11	50	1,853	1,269	3,731
	ACRES	24,276	17,882	12	1,170	50,269	294,163	387,772
Northern California	FIRES	158	72	17	19	2,910	1,249	4,425
	ACRES	241	12,633	603	6,562	80,706	38,420	139,165
Southern California	FIRES	68	137	10	76	2,730	881	3,902
	ACRES	1,656	2,933	360	1,074	36,450	7,966	50,439
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,005	71	34	85	981	1,514	3,690
	ACRES	77,967	69,435	23,280	166,669	169,388	365,933	872,672
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	58	835	7	47	882	1,023	2,852
	ACRES	19,423	130,885	1,244	2,704	54,599	141,127	349,982
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	454	1	11	121	175	770
	ACRES	1	11,408	79	6	1,977	3,288	16,759
Southwest	FIRES	897	192	5	69	892	2,118	4,173
	ACRES	35,670	5,897	284	11,834	16,203	203,149	273,037
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	184	796	39	48	4,203	728	5,998
	ACRES	17,714	17,317	1,963	783	70,176	58,319	166,272
Eastern Area	FIRES	919		66	35	10,166	493	11,679
	ACRES	52,215		6,890	706	114,812	5,595	180,218
Southern Area	FIRES	151		46	13	12,190	349	12,749
	ACRES	21,804		12,130	769	193,231	8,891	236,825
TOTAL	FIRES	3,750	2,820	257	464	37,329	9,813	54,433
	ACRES	250,990	309,211	329,968	196,104	1,035,465	1,126,853	3,248,591

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>70,621</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,844,017</b>

**\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD agency acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\***

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						35	35
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						23	23
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						100	100
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					23		23
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						615	615
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	0	1
	ACRES					250	102	352
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		1		2
	ACRES			90		8		98
Southern Area	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				1		1,702	1,703
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	1	4	12	18
	ACRES	0	0	90	1	281	2,577	2,949

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	28	100	24	3		234	389
	ACRES	5,351	25,450	5,835	123		33,783	70,542
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	17		131	269
	ACRES	31	267	21,734	2,203		10,768	35,003
Southern California	FIRES		2	5	9		170	186
	ACRES		27	698	3,335		13,675	17,735
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	10	92	4	42	402	562
	ACRES	502	6,972	12,767	760	2,441	28,031	51,473
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	32	7		14	48	102
	ACRES	18	32,277	409		2,328	17,028	52,060
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7		3		1	11
	ACRES		1,120		2,084		230	3,434
Southwest	FIRES	23	35	19	8	3	332	420
	ACRES	4,148	26,946	39,373	7,383	12	56,862	134,724
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	33	101	9	16	221	409
	ACRES	1,732	24,849	13,820	9,592	1,250	20,615	71,858
Eastern Area	FIRES	24		319	16	512	223	1,094
	ACRES	10,580		60,899	1,823	84,512	27,446	185,260
Southern Area	FIRES	53		273	103	16,007	1,245	17,681
	ACRES	19,379		96,239	83,799	827,577	941,805	1,968,799
TOTAL	FIRES	172	226	952	172	16,600	3,007	21,129
	ACRES	41,741	117,908	251,774	111,102	919,675	1,150,243	2,592,443

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			42,800				42,800
Northwest	FIRES				9		3	12
	ACRES				3,544		251	3,795
Northern California	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						2	2
Southern California	FIRES	2			52		55	109
	ACRES	0			8,368		23,163	31,531
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		74	77
	ACRES				602		56,807	57,409
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		32	38
	ACRES				435		15,433	15,868
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				10		19	29
	ACRES				3,555		159,608	163,163
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		26		2		3	31
	ACRES		1,646		0		1,869	3,515
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				10			10
	ACRES				2,715			2,715
TOTAL	FIRES	2	32	1	92	0	191	318
	ACRES	0	1,648	42,800	19,219	0	257,133	320,800

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**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	1	4	8		1				19	5
Northern California	4	2	8						1	
Southern California	18		35		12		2		122	55
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin		1	3	2	1					
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>60</b>

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